

Frill hem

PARTY TOP

This sweet ruffle-hem top can be dressed up or down depending on your fabric but we recommend using silk or satin for a frill-ing party look

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Fabric shopping:
WE USED



Sweet print crepe de chine,
£3 per metre from
www.abakhan.co.uk,
see online for similar

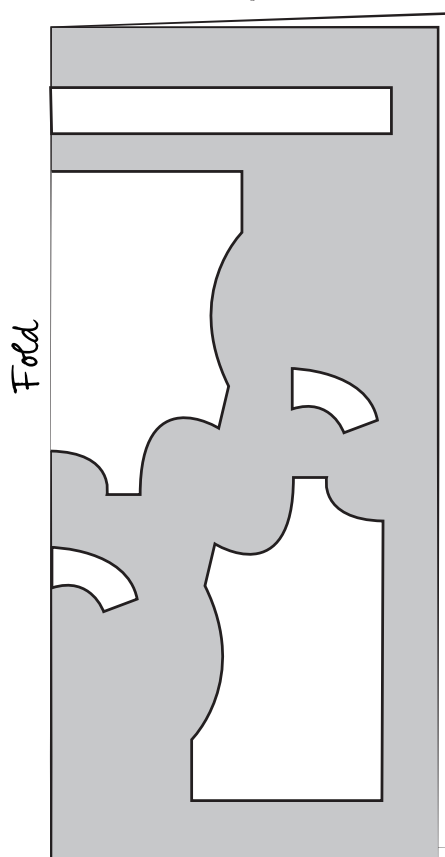
Master the
ruffle trend



SIZING:

	Bust	Waist	Hips
8	33"	26"	36"
10	35"	28"	38"
12	37"	30"	40"
14	39"	32"	42"
16	41"	34"	44"
18	43"	36"	46"
20	45"	38"	48"

45" + 60"-wide fabric



Skill level ♥

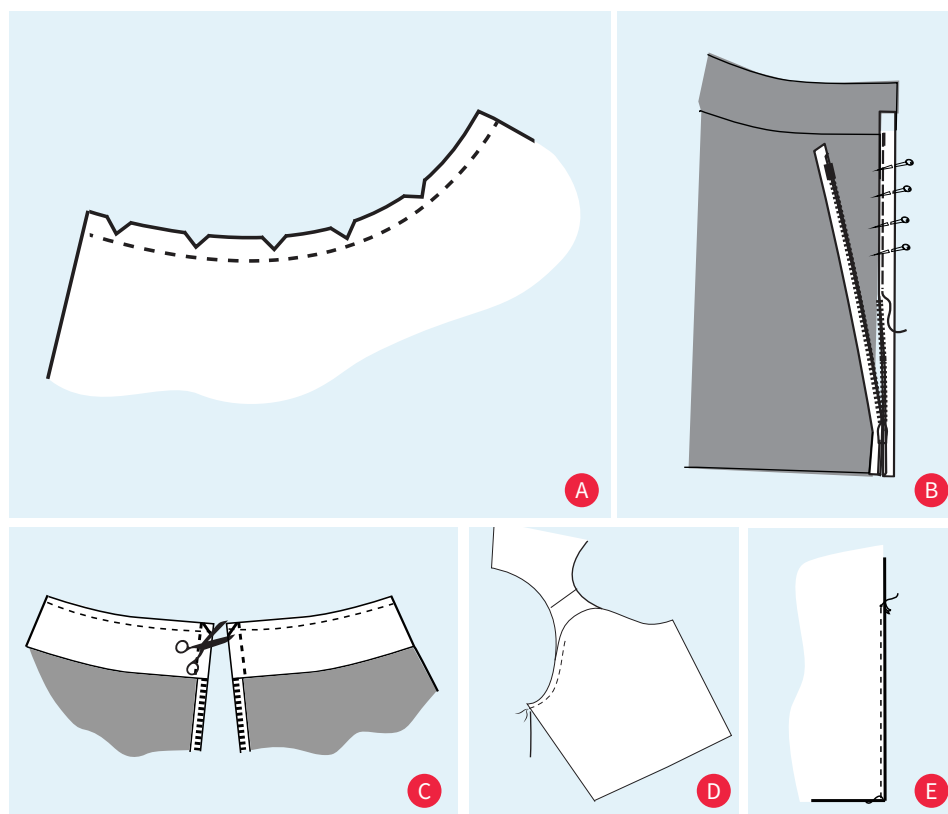
MATERIALS:

- ♥ 1.7m 45"-wide fabric or 1.2m 60"-wide lightweight woven fabric
- ♥ 16" concealed zipper
- ♥ 50cm fusible interfacing
- ♥ co-ordinating thread
- ♥ templates downloaded from www.lovesewingmag.co.uk

How to make:

1 Fuse interfacing to the WS of the neckline facing pieces and with RST join at the shoulders. Press the seam allowances open and finish the raw edges.

2 Sew the darts on the WS of the bodice



front and press downwards. Then with RST join front and back bodices together at the shoulder seams. Press the seam allowances open and finish the raw edges.

3 Pin the assembled neckline facing in place RST and matching shoulder seams, and sew in place using a 1cm seam allowance.

4 Trim the seam allowances and notch around curves. (See Pic A.) Turn the facing through to the inside of the top and press flat.

5 Flip the facing up and, on the bodice back RS, pin your concealed zip in place. The zipper stop should sit just below the neckline seam. Use your zipper foot to sew as close to the zip teeth as you can and as far down as your foot will allow. (See Pic B.) Repeat for the other side.

6 Now fold the facing over the top of the zip so that the facing is RST with the back bodice. The end of the zipper tape should slightly point towards the seam allowances. Still using your zipper foot on, sew along the side of the zipper tape through the facing and the bodice. Snip the top corners to reduce bulk. (See Pic C.)

7 Turn the facing back through to the inside of the dress and again press flat.

8 Sew a row of gathering stitches around the sleeve head and pull the threads to gather until the sleeve will fit the armhole.

9 With RST install the sleeve into the armhole, matching notches and adjusting the gathers so they sit evenly. (See Pic D.)

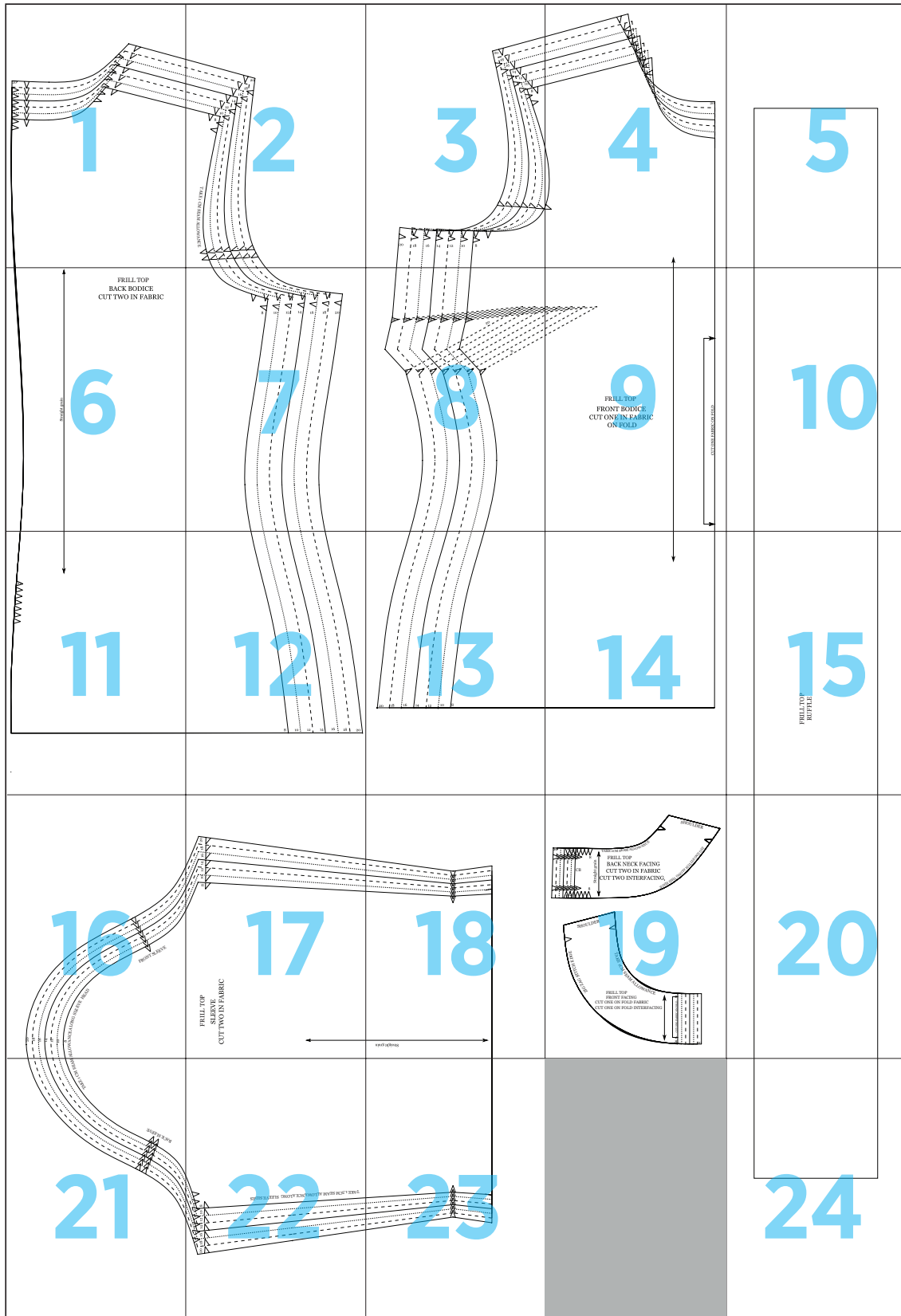
10 Turn the top inside out with RST and continue your seam from below the base of the zip to the hem. Press open the seam. (See Pic E.)

11 Sew the side seams from the lower hem up past the armhole seam, to the ends of the sleeves in a single motion for each side.

12 Sew the ruffle pieces at the short ends RST and press seam allowances open. Fold the ruffle in half lengthways, with WST aligning the seams then baste the two layers together a few mm into the seam allowance. Sew a row of gathering stitches along the ruffle 1cm in from the raw edge and gather the ruffle until it fits the lower edge of the top. Pin in place, align raw edges and match side seams. Sew in place with a 1.5cm seam allowance, finish raw edge and press frill downwards.

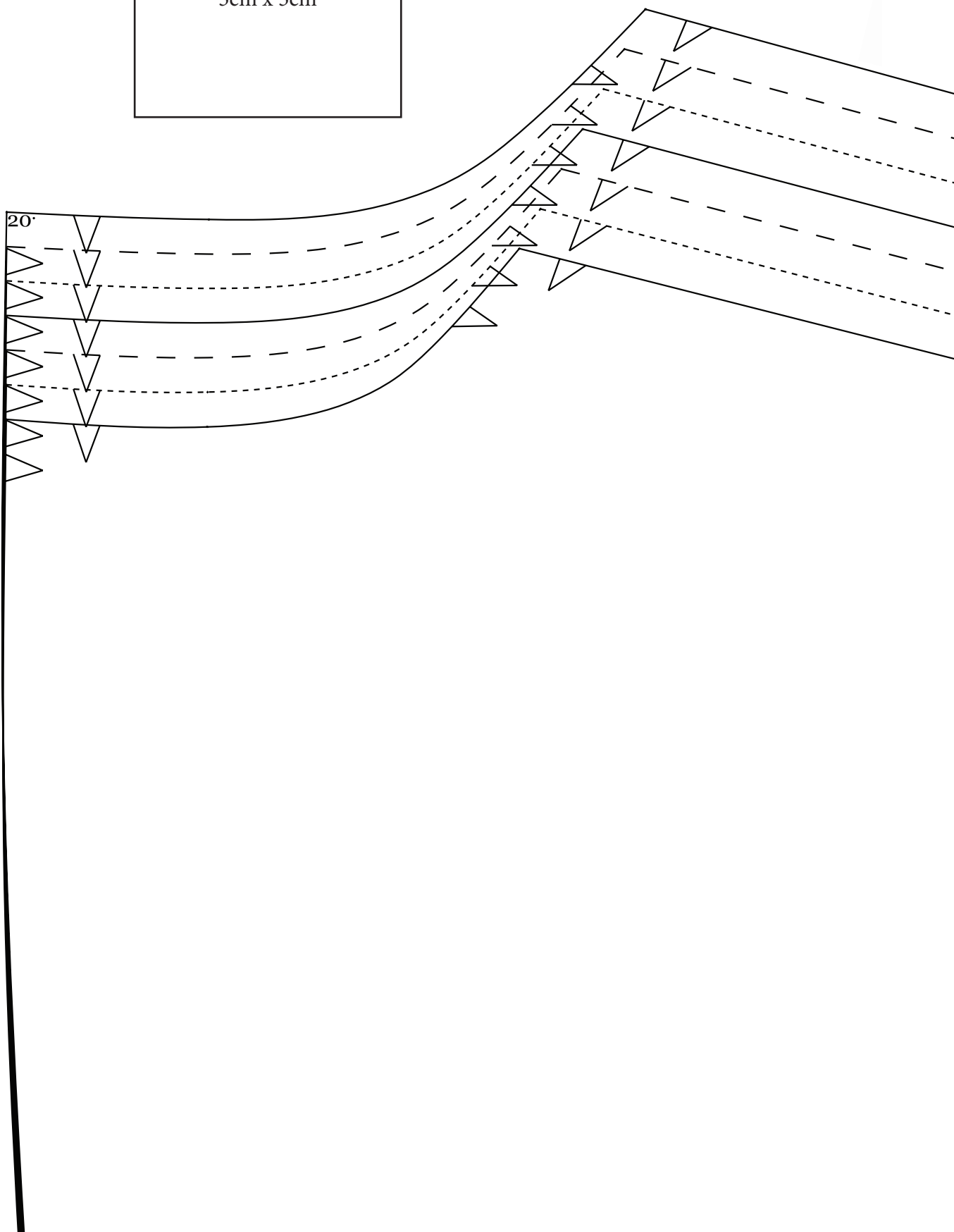
13 Finally, finish the sleeves by sewing a 2cm double fold hem on the lower edges.

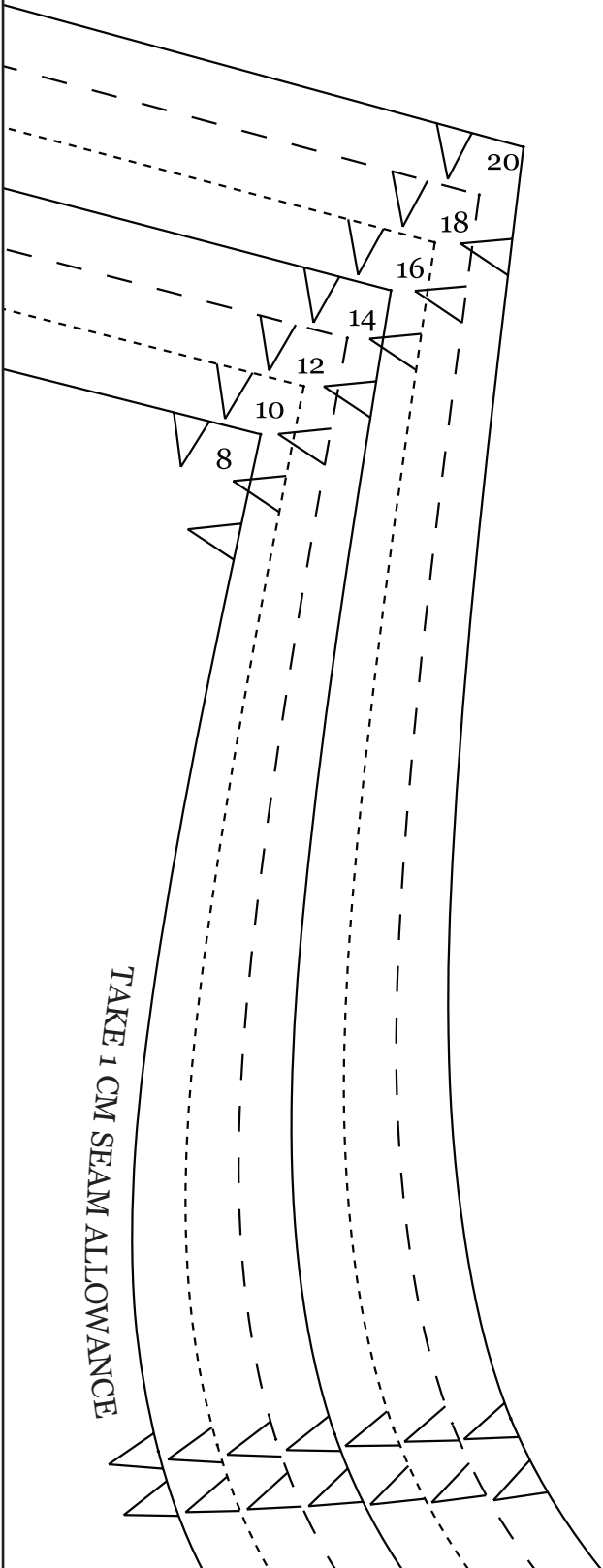
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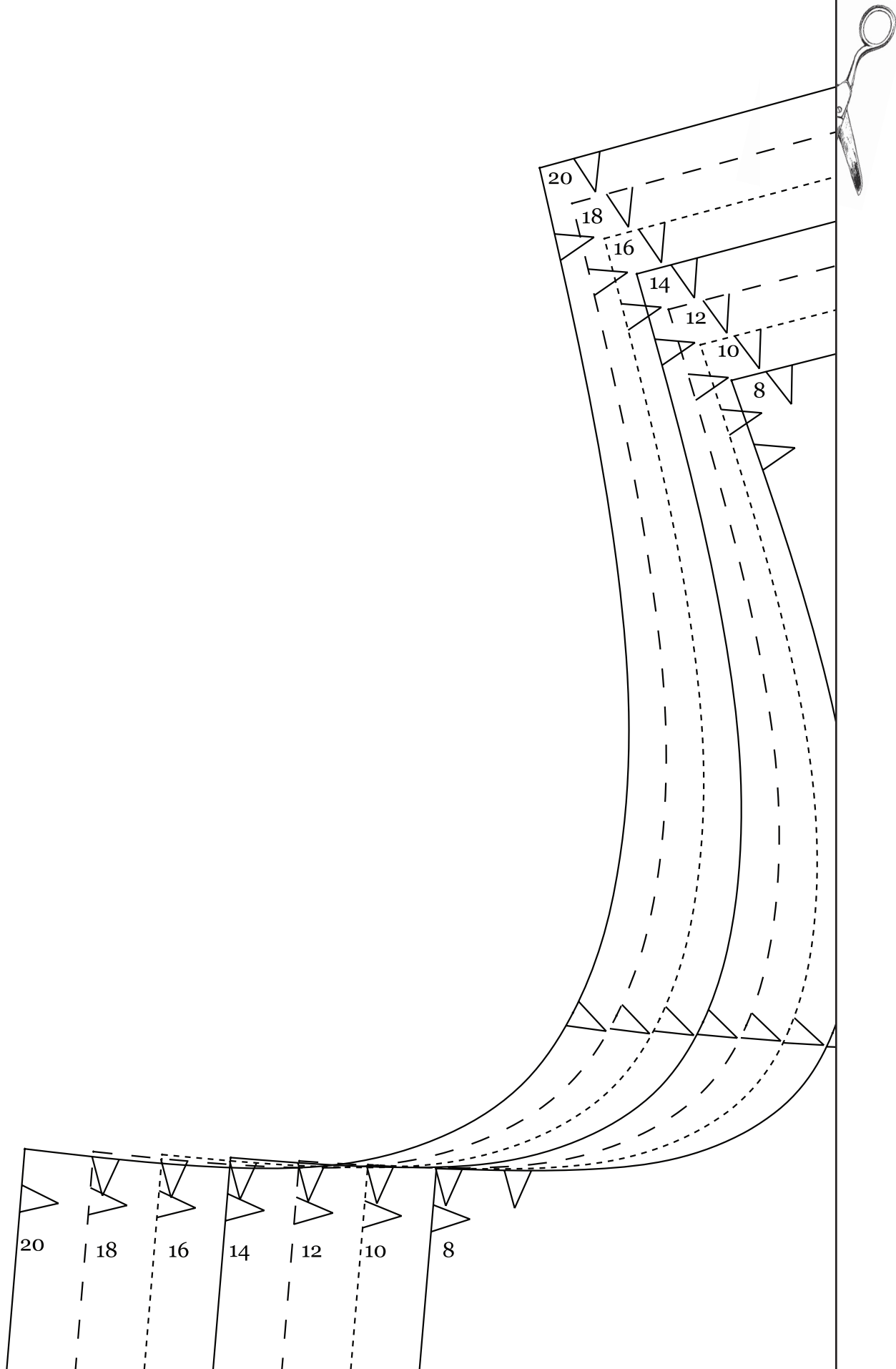


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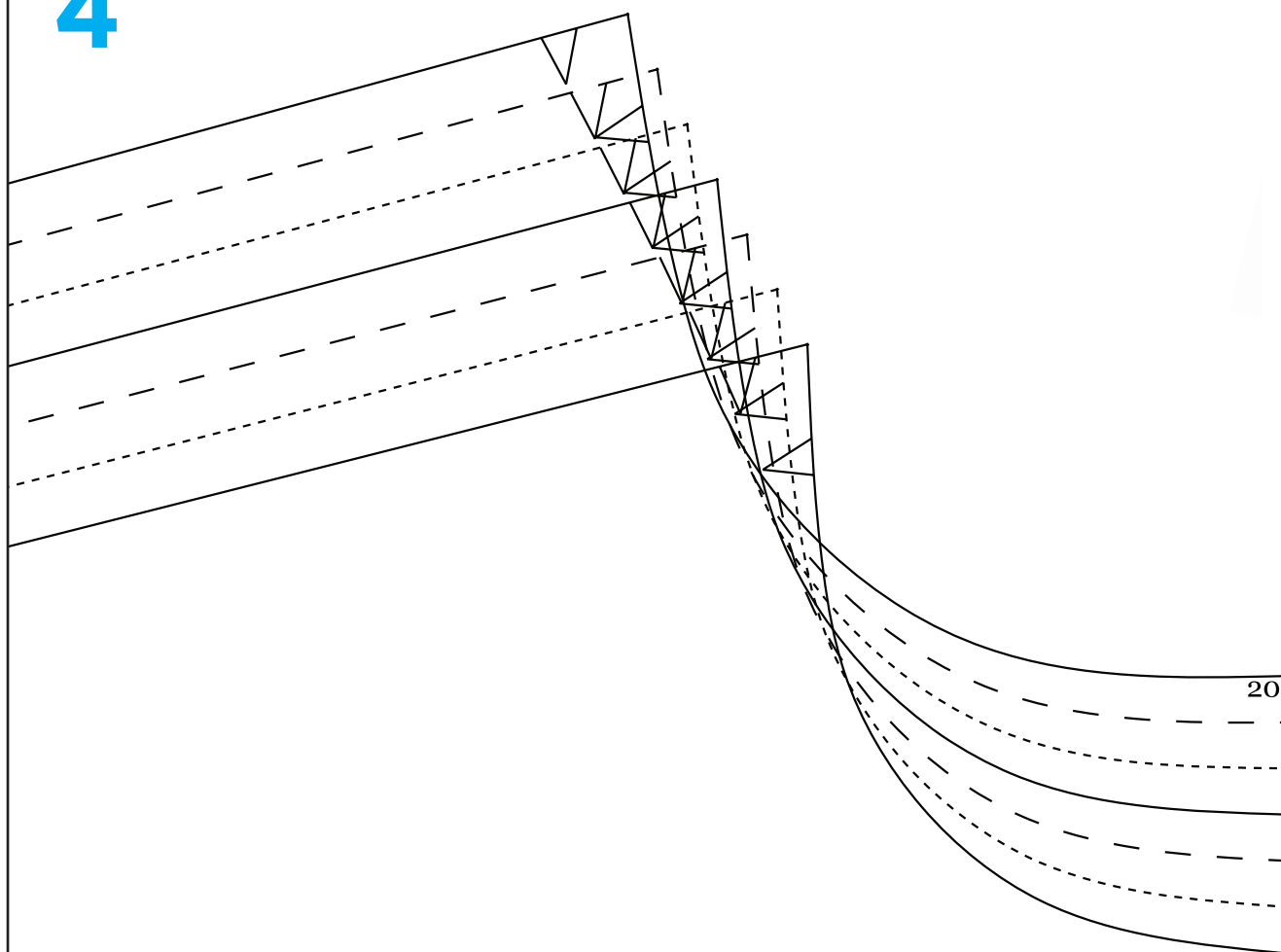
TEST SQUARE
5cm x 5cm







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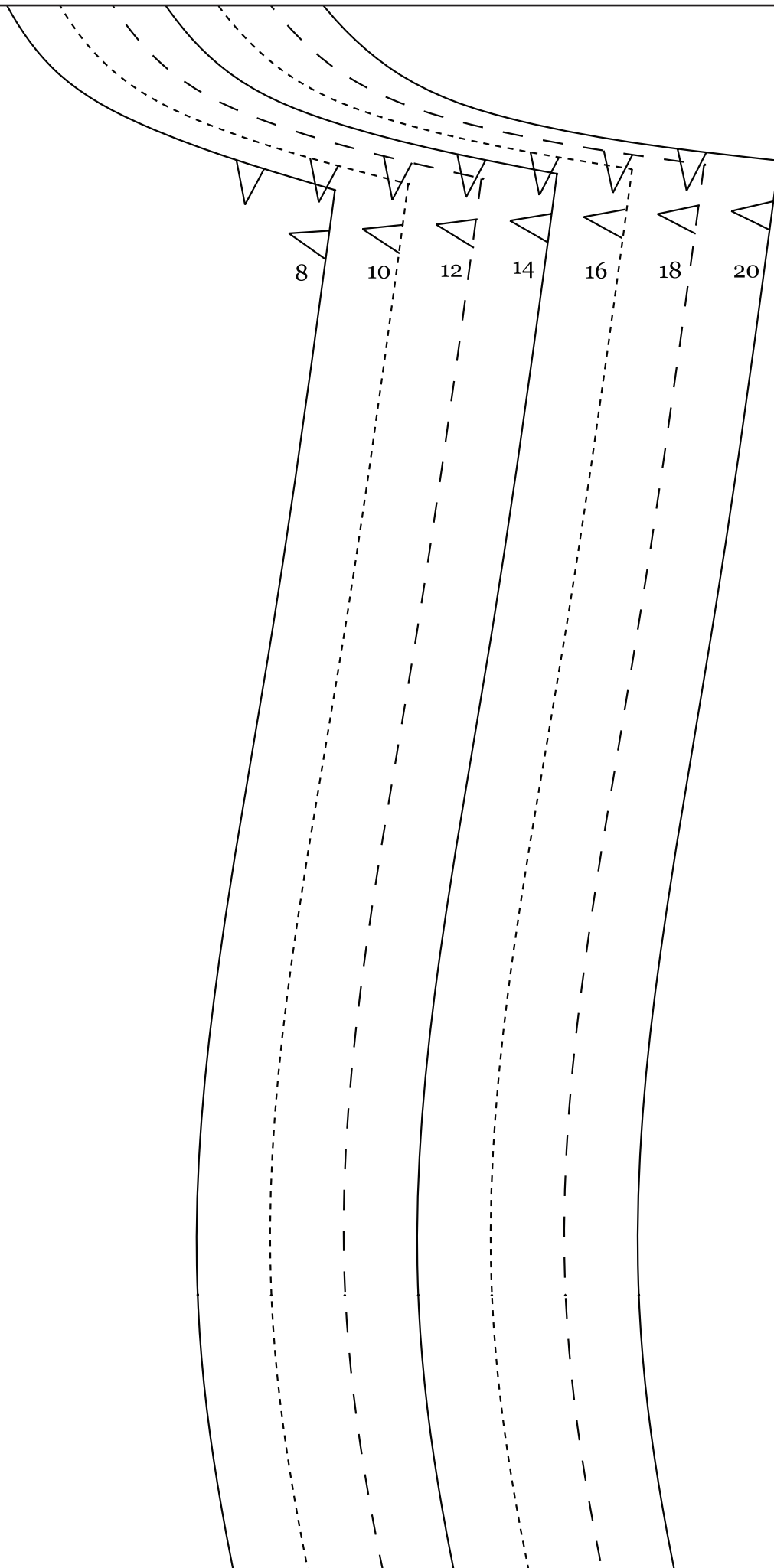
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FRILL TOP
BACK BODICE
CUT TWO IN FABRIC

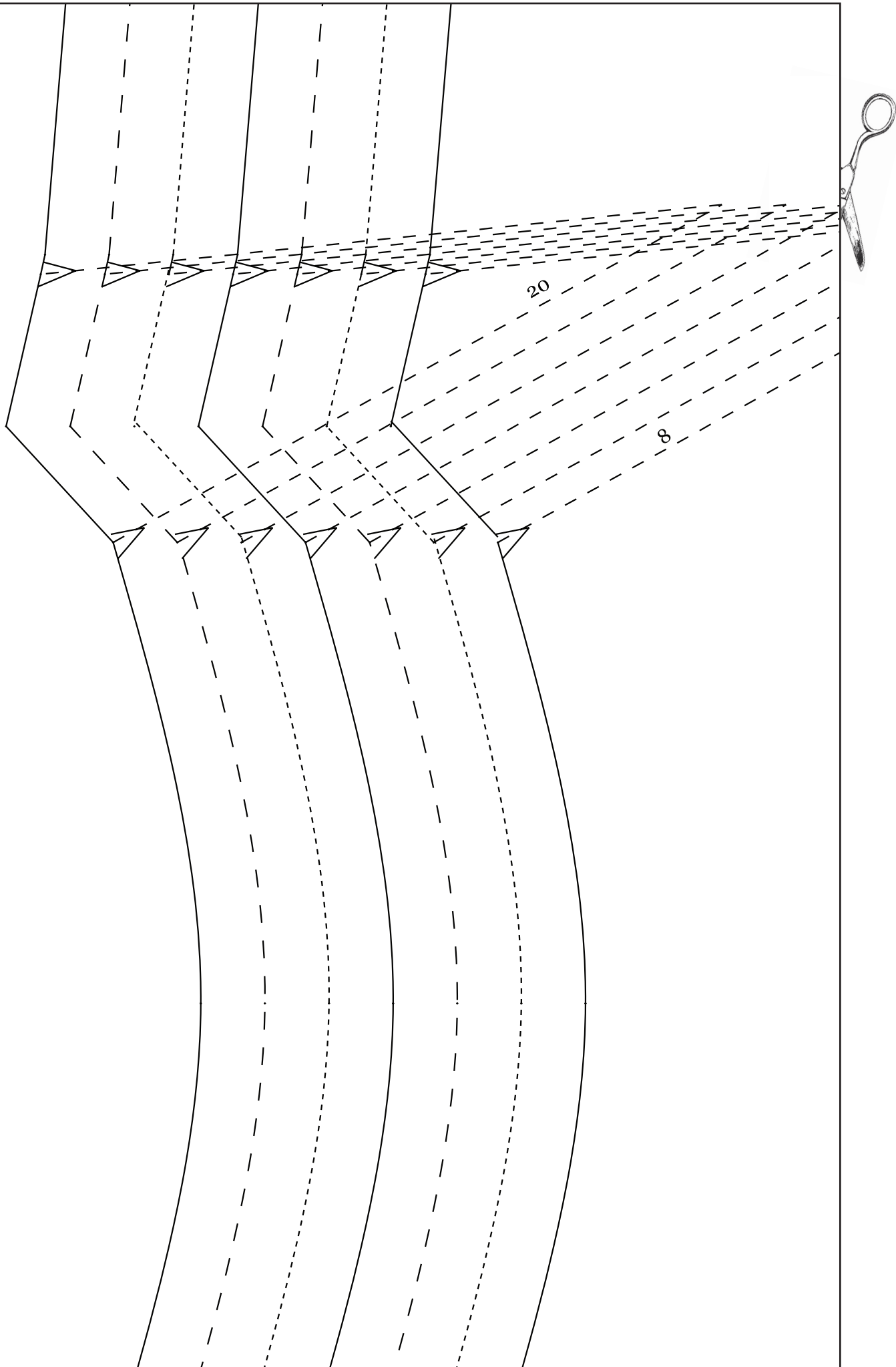


Straight grain

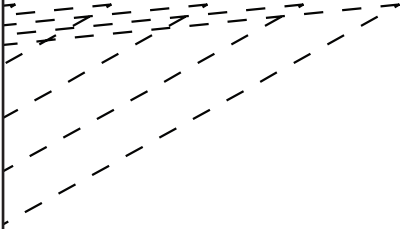
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FRILL TOP
FRONT BODICE
CUT ONE IN FABRIC
ON FOLD

CUT ONE FABRIC ON FOLD





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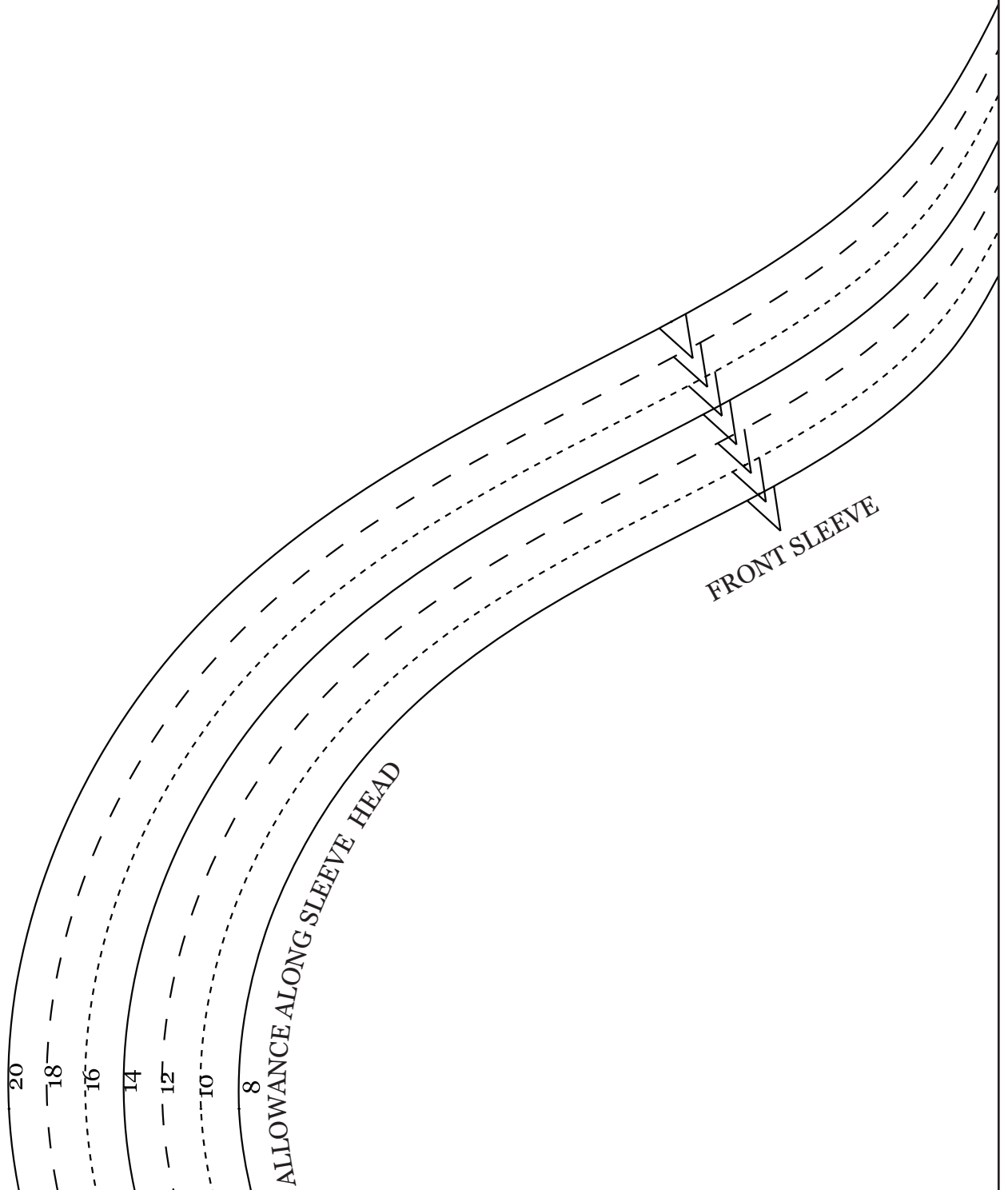


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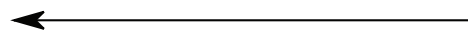
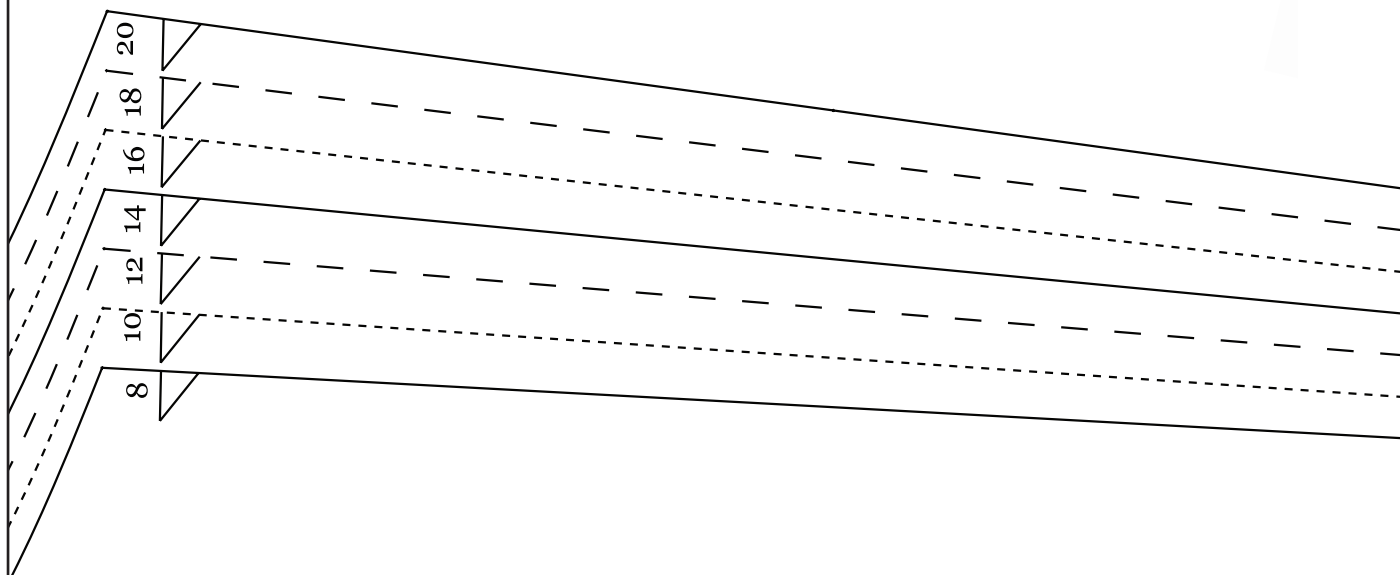


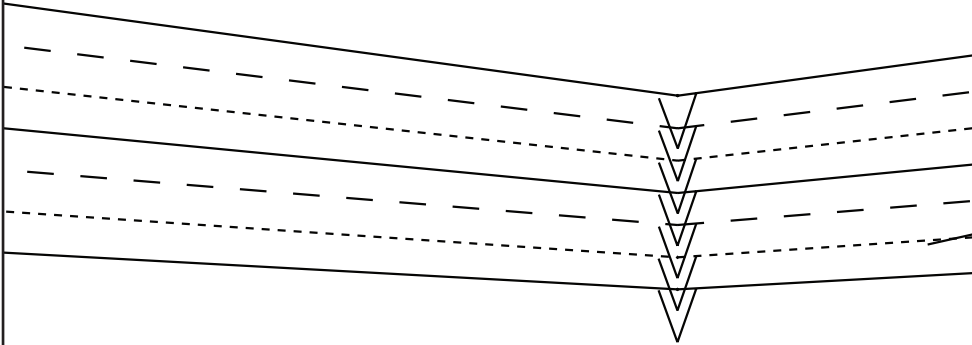
FRILL TOP
RUFFLE



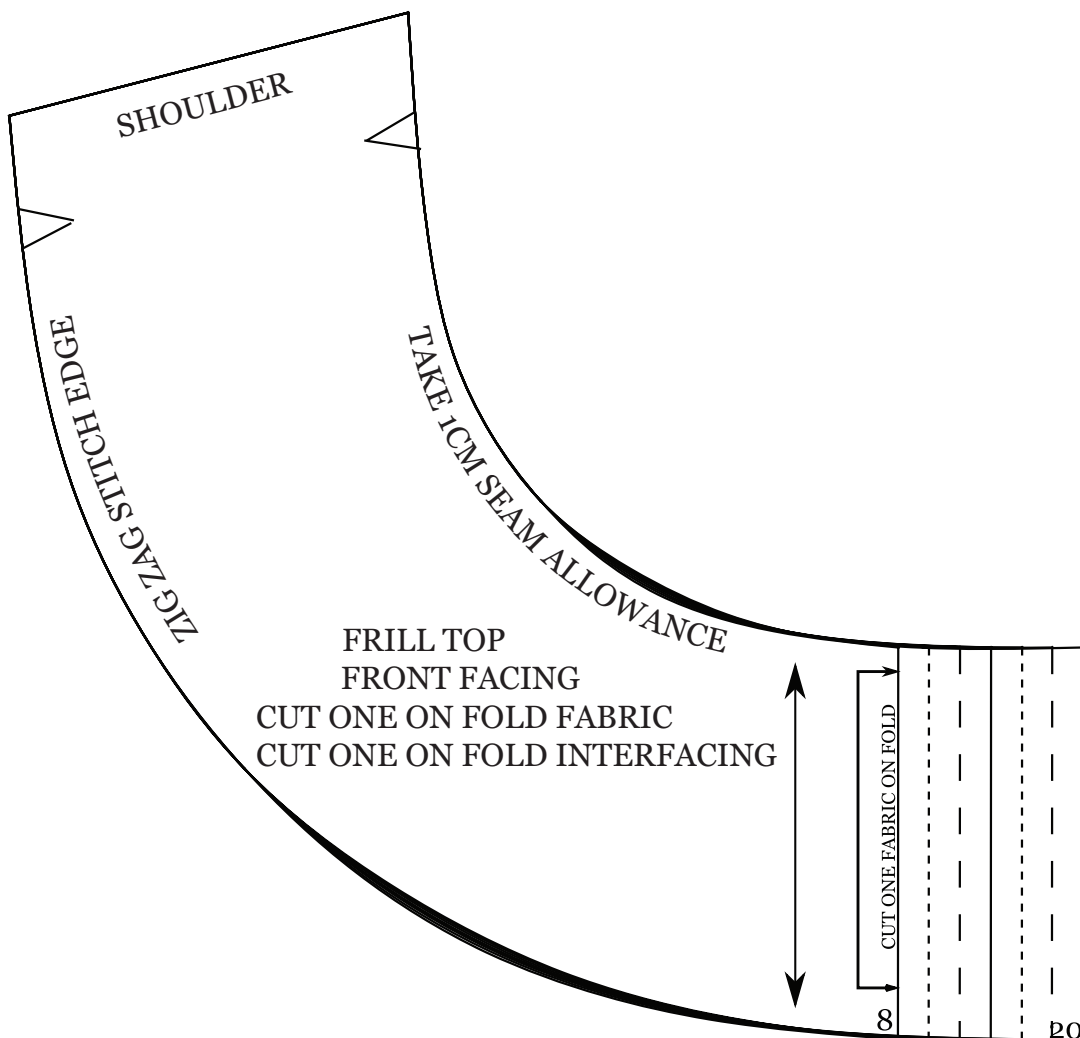
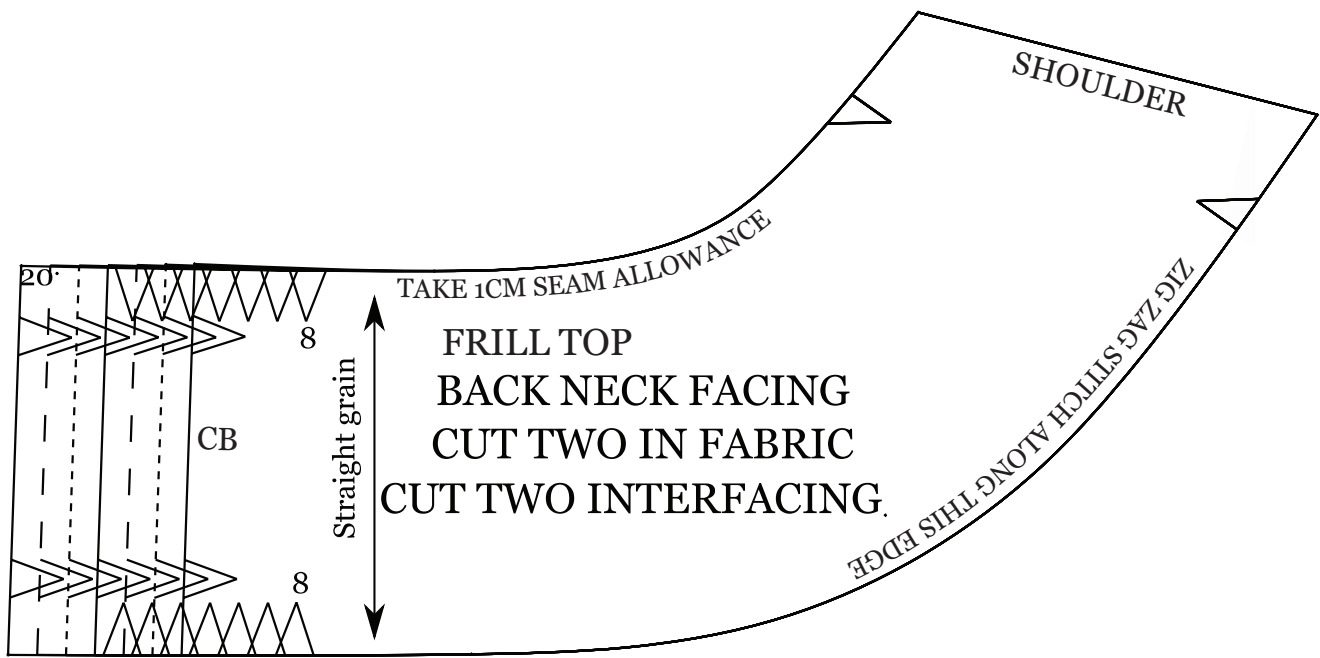


FRILL TOP SLEEVE CUT TWO IN FABRIC

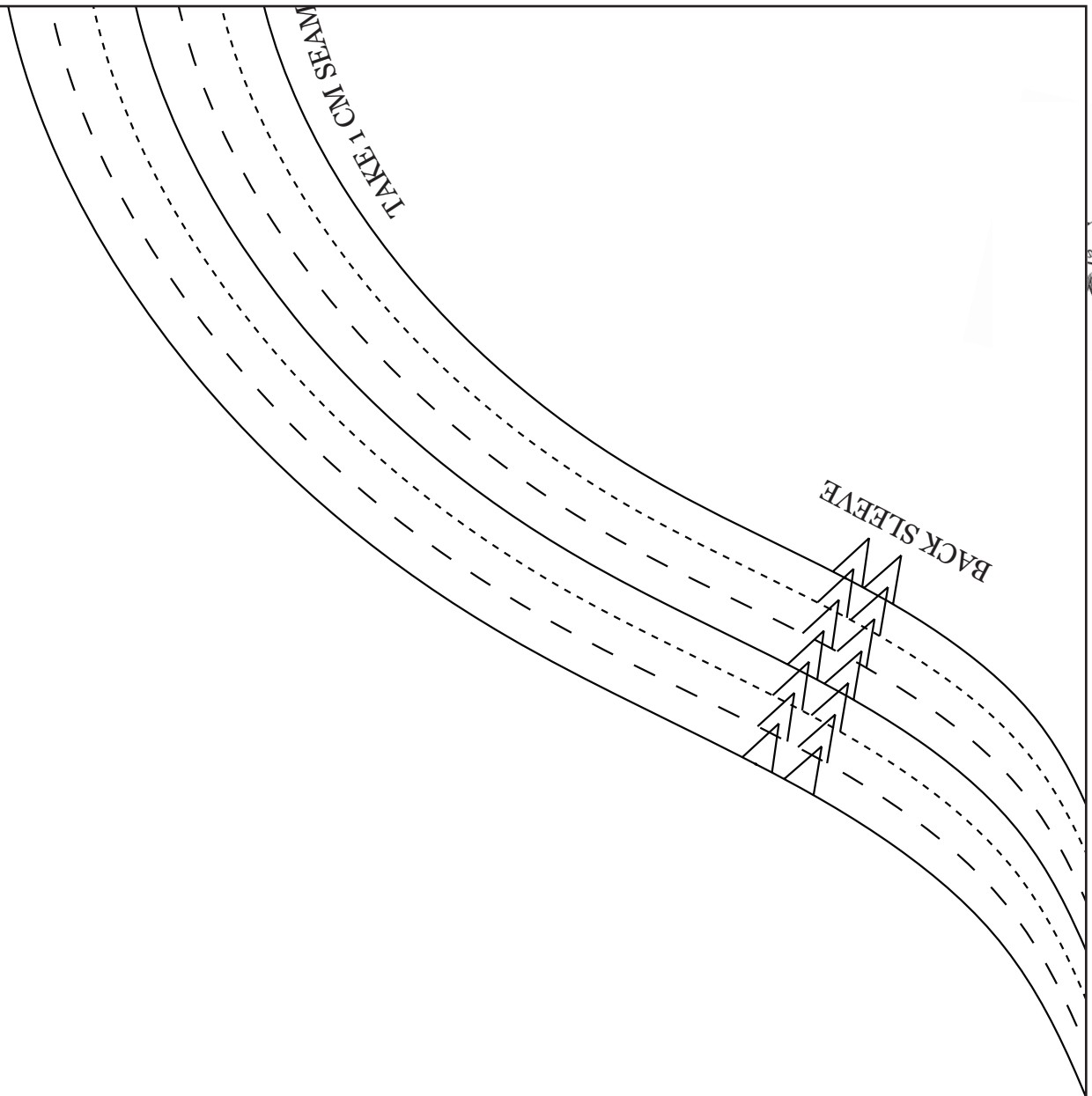




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TAKE 1.5CM SEAM ALLOWANCE ALONG SLEEVE SIDES

